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ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers"

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ANNOUNCER: And now to the National Forest, where our old friend Ranger Jim Robbins is on the job managing and protecting the forest resources in the public interest. -- All this winter Ranger Jim has been getting along without his assistant ranger, Jerry Quick, who, you remember, was transferred to another job last fall. It's been tough going, Ranger Jim says, without Jerry, and the work has been piling up.

Well, up at the Pine Cone Ranger Station today we find Ranger Jim busy in his office - yes, Rangers have office work to do, too - plenty of it at times - as well as riding the ranges and forest trails, - Here we are --

JIM: (MUMBLING) Hmm -- two hundred sixty-two -- two hundred seventy-five --

BESS: (COMING UP) Was there any mail this morning, Jim?

JIM: Uh huh.

BESS: Anything for me?

JIM: Nope - just routine stuff -- office matters -- (MUMBLING) hmm -- two hundred and --

BESS: What's all that you're working on, Jim?

JIM: Huh? -- Oh, this? Applications for grazing permits.

BESS: Oh. -- My, there certainly are a lot of them.

JIM: Yep. More than we can take care of. It's sure going to be a tough job distributing grazing allotments - so as to get full use of the range without overgrazing.

BESS: I guess it is.

JIM: I sure miss Jerry right now. He was a big help on this livestock grazing business.

BESS: We all miss Jerry. -- My heavens, Jim, look at the dust on this desk of yours.

JIM: Huh? Dust?

BESS: Why it's an inch thick. I'm going to dust off this desk right now.

JIM: Oh now Bess, not right now, when I've got all these papers laid out just where I want 'em.

BESS: Yes sir. You can just pick up your old papers.

JIM: But listen, Bess, can't you postpone it 'till --

(PHONE RINGS)

BESS: There's the phone, Jim.

JIM: Yep. (CHUCKLES) It would ring just now, so I'd have to leave my desk unprotected while I answer the doggone thing.

BESS: I won't disturb a thing, Jim.

JIM: (TO PHONE) Hello. Pine Cone Ranger Station - Yeah, howdy.
-- Huh? -- Hmm. I didn't know it was going to be so soon.
--About noon, eh? -- Say, that's good news! -- Yeah, sure. --
No, I won't. -- All right. So long. (HANGS UP) -- (BRISKLY)
Well now - let's see --

BESS: Who was that, Jim?

JIM: Huh? -- Uh huh, just what I was afraid of -- you've got everything mixed up on the desk.

BESS: Oh now, Jim. Everything's exactly where it was. -- Who was that called on the phone, Jim?

JIM: Huh? What?

BESS: Who was that just called?

JIM: On the phone? Oh yes, that was the Supervisor, Bert Ellsworth.

BESS: Mr. Ellsworth? What did he say?

JIM: Huh? -- Oh, he said there's a new assistant ranger coming up.

BESS: A new assistant ranger? Jim, you didn't tell me about this before.

JIM: Well, I didn't know he'd be coming up so soon.

BESS: When's he coming?

JIM: He'll be here about noon.

BESS: Today? Oh, I ought to be getting ready.

JIM: I don't know as we need to do any special getting ready. I've got plenty of work to start 'im on.

BESS: Is he married?

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Not that I know of.

BESS: Then he'll probably want to board with us here in the Station, won't he?

JIM: I s'pect so.

BESS: Oh, I hope he's nice, like Jerry was. -- We were all so fond of Jerry, it'll seem strange to have another assistant ranger with us instead of him, won't it?

JIM: Oh, I reckon this fellow will be all right.

BESS: Oh, I'm sure we'll like him - but nobody can ever take the place of Jerry.

JIM: Nope, I guess not. -- Say -- why don't you call up the schoolma'am and have 'er come over here for lunch.

BESS: Mary Halloway?

JIM: Yes. She'd like to meet the new ranger, I s'pose -- and it'd kinda make things a little more festive for the fellow when he arrives, you know.

BESS: Yes, of course - but Mary misses Jerry so much -- I wonder if it wouldn't make her kind of sad -- you know -- to see a new man arriving to take the place of the man she was engaged to.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Oh, I guess she can stand it all right.

BESS: Well, I'll call her, anyhow.

(INTERVAL. MUSIC)

JIM: Hmm. I s'pect our man oughta be coming along almost any time now.

BESS: I've got lunch all ready, whenever he arrives.

JIM: Fine. The sooner he comes the better. How about it, Mary?

MARY: Yes. I'm anxious to meet him.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) I was thinking about the lunch. But we don't want to overfeed our new man right off, Bess. I gotta stack of work a mile high piled up for 'im this afternoon, so we've got to keep 'im in good condition.

BESS: Jim, you always do break in a new man by working him half to death. Remember when Jerry first came up here -- you made him scrape rust off the fire tools for three whole days and then study the Manual half the night -- the poor boy was nearly dead.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, he got over it didn't he? -- I had to get a few notions out of his head, you see. Jerry thought all a ranger had to do was to put on a uniform and ride around on a horse, when he first came up here.

BESS: He soon got over that idea, all right.

JIM: Yep. By the way - heard from Jerry lately, Miss?

MARY: Yes, I had a letter yesterday -- but it was just a short note -- he didn't say much except that he was working awfully hard.

JIM: That's good for 'im.

MARY: I wish I could see him again. It seems like ages since he left.

BESS: Yes, it does to us, too.

MARY: Won't it seem strange to have another assistant ranger here in Jerry's place.

JIM: I s'pect we'll get used to it.

MARY: What kind of a man is he, Mr. Robbins? I mean the new assistant ranger?

JIM: Well, I understand he's a pretty good man - Forest school graduate - had some experience, and -

MARY: Of course he's a good man, or they wouldn't send him. But I mean -- is he -- uh --

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yep. He's good looking, so they say -- about the same size as Jerry, I understand -- young fellow--pleasant, so they say -- (CHUCKLES) I bet you'll be getting sweet on 'im before he's been here very long.

BESS: Why Jim! Shame on you saying a thing like that, when she's engaged to Jerry.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, you never can tell about these handsome young rangers.

MARY: He's just joking, Mrs. Robbins. He knows that Jerry is --

JIM: Yeah, sure. We know where this young lady's heart is.

MARY: But of course we all want to be nice to the new man, though. It's always so hard coming to a strange place - you know, a new job, and everything --

BESS: Yes, of course we want to try to make him feel right at home.

JIM: Well, I reckon you can begin making him feel at home pretty quick now. Sounds like a car pulling up outside.

BESS: Yes, it is. I heard it.

MARY: Oh, I wonder what he looks like.

(KNOCK ON DOOR)

JIM: (CALLS) Come in.

(DOOR OPENS)

JERRY: Howdy, folks!

MARY: It's Jerry!

BESS: (WITH HER) Jerry! What on earth --

(LAUGHING..CHATTERING ALL AROUND)

JERRY: Gosh, it sure is great to be back at the Pine Cone Ranger Station!

BESS: Oh, it's good to have you back, Jerry. But why didn't you let us know?

JERRY: I thought I'd make it kind of a surprise. I didn't know myself it was going to be so soon, 'till a day or so ago.

MARY: You certainly surprised us, all right, Jerry.

JERRY: Did I? Gee, Mary, you're sure looking great!

MARY: Thank you, Jerry.

JIM: You're looking pretty good yourself, son.

JERRY: I'm feeling fine, Jim. -- Gee, the old place looks just about the same, doesn't it?

BESS: Just like you left it. -- My, I can't get over the surprise you gave us. You know Jim told us there was a new assistant ranger coming up to take your place.

JERRY: Did he? Well, maybe he's right at that - kindof. I feel almost like a new man - honest. I've sure learned a lot and had a lot of good experience in the last few months.

BESS: Oh dear, I'm so excited I forgot all about lunch. I'm sure everything must be stone cold.

JERRY: Don't worry about that, Mrs. Robbins.

(FADEOUT LAUGHING AND CHATTERING)

(BRIEF PAUSE)

BESS: Lunch is ready now, Jim. Where's Jerry and Mary?

JIM: Oh, those two youngsters are in the sitting room in there, laughing and giggling like a pair of school-kids.

BESS: They must be awfully happy to be together again.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) I s'pect.

BESS: Jim, you knew Jerry was coming all morning, and didn't tell us a word. You made us think it was someone else coming.

JIM: Well, the supervisor said Jerry wanted to surprise the folks, and not to say anything.

BESS: But you didn't even let on, Jim. Weren't you excited?

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Well, to tell the truth, Bess, - ever since the Chief called this morning, I've been all kinda tingling and bubbling over inside.

(FADEOUT)

ANNOUNCER: Well - wasn't that a great day at the old Pine Cone Ranger Station. And I guess it's good news to a lot of the rest of us, too, that Jerry's back on the job with our old friend Ranger Jim.

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